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SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF LAO IRREGULAR FORCES

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1. USAID DIRECTOR MANN AND I CALLED ON MINDEF SISOUK THIS MORNING, JUNE 13, ON SUBJECT MATTER. SISOUK READ OVER THE MEMORANDUM, WAS MANIFESTLY GRATIFIED BUT SAID HE HAD TO SHOW IT TO THE PRIME MINISTER. HE FORESAW NO DIFFICULTIES AND WE ARRANGED TO RETURN IN THE AFTER-NOON TO SIGN THE DOCUMENT.

2. IN THE COURSE OF OUR DISCUSSION WE READILY AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THE 3.8 MILLION DOLLARS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE BANK OF INDOCHINA, VIENTIANE, WHICH WOULD SELL THE DOLLARS AS SALES TO PUBLIC. KIP THUS OBTAINED WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO A MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ACCOUNT WITH THE NATIONAL BANK ON WHICH SISOUK

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ONLY CAN DRAW.

B. SISOUK EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR BEING ALONE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS FUND AND ASKED MR. MANN IF HE WOULD COUNTERSIGN THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS. WE AGREED THAT ONLY SISOUK COULD SIGN THE ACCOUNT BUT THAT THE AMBASSADOR'S DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE BE CONSULTED ON ALL EXPENDITURES SO THAT HE WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO RAISE QUESTIONS IF AND WHEN NECESSARY.

C. IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 5 SISOUK WOULD PROVIDE THE MISSION WITH FORMAL WRITTEN REPORTS OF THE PROGRESS OF THE FORCE REDUCTION AND EXPENDITURES ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.

3. MANN AND I RETURNED TO MINDEF 1600 HOURS TODAY AND SISOUK AND I SIGNED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. SISOUK STATED FOREGOING ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH PRIME MINISTER AND HAD HIS FULL APPROVAL.
WILL POUCH SIGNED COPY.
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